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December 12, 1963 - Thursday

I went this morning to Dr. Eban, at 81 Harley Street, at E's solicitation, to have my lungs X-rayed. She is convinced that my lifelong smoking must have--perhaps it should have--given me lung cancer. I listened to an exhortation by Eban on the evils of smoking, and promised to change my habits if the X-ray disclosed nothing untoward.

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The Chilean Ambassador, Victor Santa Cruz, called on me. He would like to have the British financial market opened to Inter-American Bank capital issues on the same basis available to the World Bank. He is going to approach the Foreign Office on this, and I undertook at his request to mention it to the Prime Minister this afternoon--which I did--and to Harold Linder when I am in Washington.

I went to see the Prime Minister at 4:30, at 10 Downing Street. He had Oliver Wright with him. Home looked as nonchalant as ever, and in good health. I mentioned to him the desire of Princeton University to give him an honorary degree next June. He said he would accept it if not prevented from going to America by election necessities. We talked about Cambodia, Berlin, and the possibility of making some progress in negotiation with the Soviets.

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I sent a telegram today to Washington about my conversation with Harold Caccia this morning:

I had a message from Washington yesterday, and later Mac Bundy called me regarding David Nes as a possible Deputy Chief of Mission for Cabot Lodge in Vietnam. I extolled his character and capabilities, and was gratified today to read that he had been appointed.

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I did a little shopping at lunch time for Christmas presents to take home, then went with Lewis Jones to meet Secretary Rusk at Northolt Airport. I had a long talk with him at the Embassy residence, where he and Bill Tyler are staying with me.

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I have to prepare for the record a memorandum on the conversation, which I shall do on my way home.

We had dinner tonight with Rab Butler at 1, Carlton Gardens, the participants being on the British side, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Henderson, Sir Harold Caccia, Sir Patrick Reilly, and Sir Geoffrey Harrison; and on the American side, the Secretary, myself, the Minister (Lewis Jones), Mr. Tyler, Mr. Schaetzel, and Mr. Lampson. The conversation was fairly general. The most interesting specific point raised was Dr. Schroeder's expected draft on how we might make further progress with the Soviets. At least this is encouraging, in that it shows more flexibility on the part of the West Germans than we have ever before experienced.

Butler was non-committal about the date of election, saying nothing whatever had yet been decided in this regard. The Labour Party is preparing for a March election, but I think this is improbable. Butler said it takes a little more than a month to ascertain through Party machinery when a proposed date might be considered most favorable to the Government's prospects. After that, the Queen must be asked to dissolve Parliament. He gave me as a hint the advice to read the Budget speech by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. If it is short, it means an election is pending.

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